

May is American Stroke Month

Stroke is a leading cause of death and disability, but is treatable when recognized quickly.

Symptoms may include sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg, typically on one side of the body. Other warning signs are intense headache, confusion, and trouble speaking or seeing in one or both eyes.

Successful treatment is usually most effective when administered as quickly as possible after symptom onset. Timely surgery, clot busting drugs or image-guided intracranial vascular treatments can result in complete or near-complete recovery from the effects of stroke.

Risk for stroke increases as people age, but some lifestyle changes can decrease that risk.

Remember— stroke is treatable when recognized quickly. Know the symptoms and get emergency medical help promptly when you see the signs.

See the stroke page for more information. For more about stroke risk, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, visit:

Diagnosis:

- Carotid Artery Screening
- Carotid Ultrasound
- Head CT
- Catheter Angiography
- MR Angiography (MRA)
- Head MRI
- Vascular Ultrasound
- CT Angiography

Prevention & Treatments:

- Angioplasty and Vascular Stenting
- Catheter-directed Thrombolysis
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery
- Embolization of Brain Aneurysms and Fistulas

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